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## Zell Miller's loss mourned in region, state and nation

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**YOUNG HARRIS** – Larger than life political player and Young Harris hometown hero Zell Miller died on Friday, March 23, after battling Parkinson's disease.

Miller, 86, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family, said grandson Bryan Miller.

"The family is taking this pretty tough," said Bryan Miller, founder and CEO of the Miller Institute Foundation, in a press briefing that Friday. "We ask, again, that you would respect our privacy."

"Our family was able to spend the last 24 hours with him, and I will tell you that we have not slept since then. We need some time to be able to process this as a family, to be able to mourn him together."

Condolences for Miller's loss have been issued



Photo/Miller Institute

**Former governor and U.S. Sen. Zell Miller passed away on Friday, March 23, 2018.**

by individuals in every state in the nation, from family friends, political and civic leaders, thoughtful citizens and beyond.

Three services were planned for Miller, including a Memorial Service on March 26 at Young Harris College; a Celebration of Life Service on

March 27 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta; and his Executive State Funeral Service in the Rotunda of the Georgia State Capitol on March 28.

All services occurred after 5 p.m.

Those fortunate enough to have known Miller

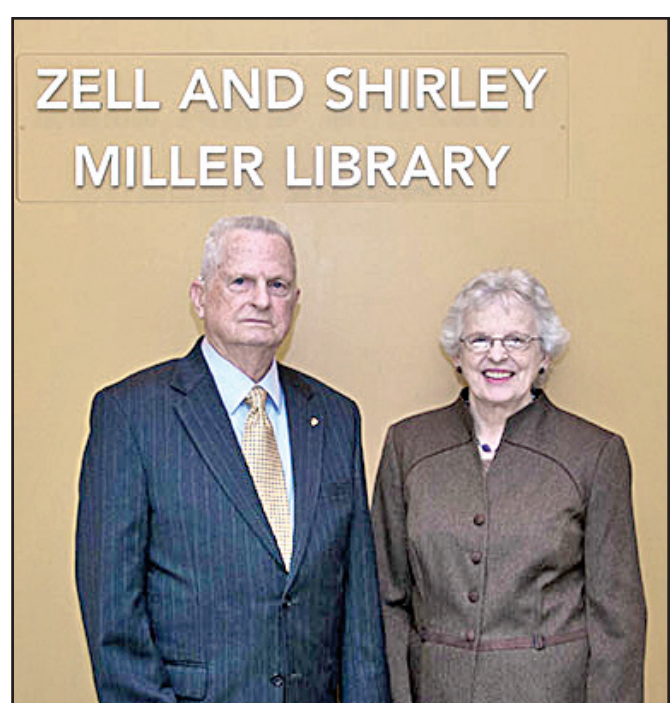
understood that he had both a lion's and a servant's heart, and his loss will be counted by innumerable many.

"He always strived for excellence, and that is, I think, the greatest tribute that I could pay," said Bob Short, Miller's lifelong friend and former political advisor. "He was never satisfied with the status quo, and that's been proven by his legacy, by his career as governor and as a United States senator."

Miller's reach in life extended far, and his rich legacy will ensure that his reach continues far beyond his passing.

His crowning achievement as governor – the Georgia Lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship – has broadened the horizons of greater than 1.8 million students by enabling them to afford postsecondary education in Georgia.

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Photo/Miller Institute  
Zell and Shirley Miller outside their namesake library at Harris College.

## Chatuge Regional, county renew medical helicopter service

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Union General Hospital

In an effort to provide our local communities critical care in the air without the financial burden, Union General and Chatuge Regional Hospitals reached out to both the Union County and Towns County Commissioner's Offices to provide another year of medical helicopter membership through the Air Methods Advantage program.

We are very excited that we will be offering FREE Air Methods Helicopter Memberships again, for the third year in a row, to all residents in both Union and Towns County.

There are two helicopter

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Pictured L-R: Lewis Kelley, Union General Hospital CEO; Cliff Bradshaw, Towns County Commissioner; Lamar Paris, Union County Commissioner; Joe Perdue, Air Methods; Derrick Moody, Air Methods; Marcus Lindsey, Air Methods; Leslie Daniel, Union General Hospital Administration

## Cox signs to wrestle, Chambers to play college football



Photo by Todd Forrest  
Towns County High School seniors Harold Cox and Andy Chambers during a signing ceremony at the school. Cox will wrestle at Truett-McConnell College, and Chambers will play football for Mount St. Joseph University. Check out this week's Sports Section for more signing coverage.

## Jeannie Ledford a national finalist for coaching award

By Shawn Jarrard  
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The *Towns County Herald* would like to congratulate Towns County High School Cross Country Coach Jeannie Ledford for her nomination as a national finalist in the Positive Coaching Alliance's 2018 Double-Goal Coach Award.

"PCA's Double-Goal Coach Award is given to youth and high school sports coaches from throughout the U.S. who embody the ideals of the Double-Goal Coach, striving to win, while also pursuing the more important goal of teaching life lessons through sports," per PositiveCoaching.org.

More than 800 coaches received nominations for the award, and Ledford is in the small pool of national finalists



Towns County Cross Country Coach Jeannie Ledford

now vying to be among the 50 national winners.

Winners will receive \$200, a certificate, recognition online and through various

media campaigns, as well as the chance to win an all-expenses paid trip to California to accept the honor.

"This is one of the most meaningful awards I have been nominated to be honored," said Coach Ledford. "I am truly flattered and grateful."

"This award recognizes the character traits I wanted to build in my student-athletes as much as winning. They have never been just student-athletes to me. They have been my kids and forever will be."

Continued Ledford: "I wanted to build a program strong enough for success. Moreover, I wanted to build kids strong enough to succeed in life. Influencing kids to be good humans with resilience, compassion, hard work ethic,

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## Crothers receives Citizenship Award in commission meeting

By Mark Novak  
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Staff Writer

Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw had to hold back tears as he spoke about Citizenship Award recipient Joan Crothers in his March 20 regular meeting.

"We have one citizen here tonight that has gone over and beyond," said Bradshaw. "I mean, it just blows my mind."

"As much as I love Towns County, and I do with every breath of my body, if I had moved here as a young man and a single parent, and still do all the things that this lady has accomplished and done so unselfishly – I have

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Photo by Mark Novak  
Joan Crothers receiving a Citizenship Award from Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw in the March commission meeting.

## Southern Uprising Tour a huge success at The Hall

By Mark Novak  
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Staff Writer

With umbrellas in hand, concertgoers braved the cold and the rain to attend the Southern Uprising Tour on Saturday, March 24.

The tour consisted of powerhouse trio The Marshall Tucker Band, The Charlie Daniels Band and Travis Tritt in concert.

Tickets for the event, hosted by the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, sold out well in advance of the show, and many bought tickets for the overflow outdoor seating area at Anderson Music Hall to get to see some of their favorite performers live.

"You're going to hear

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Photo by Mark Novak

The legendary Charlie Daniels performing at the Southern Uprising Tour on March 24.

## Game Warden Webb leads presentation at county meeting

By Mark Novak  
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The main concern of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the state's oldest law enforcement agency, is protecting the natural resources of the state.

Game Warden David Webb addressed those gathered for the monthly meeting of Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw inside the Towns County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 20.

Georgia DNR's Law Enforcement Division began protecting the state's natural resources in 1911.

"We are certified peace officers, we enforce all laws state, local and federal," said Webb. "We patrol by vehicle,



Photo by Mark Novak  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources Game Warden David Webb in the March county meeting.

boat, ATVs, and we even have aircrafts, helicopters."

Some of the main tasks of Georgia DNR include protecting coastal resources and overseeing the preservation of historic sites, as well as conserving and enhancing the state's natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, per Georgia.gov.

With 16,000 miles of rivers, 500,000 acres of impounded water, 138 wildlife management areas, coastal areas and more, the 187 game wardens are spread thin across the state.

"That's a lot of water and a lot of public land that we actually patrol," said Webb. "Not only public land, but private land as well."

Training and equipping a new game warden costs the state \$142,000 per individual.

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**Baseball Soccer**

Mar 29 @ Providence 4:30 PM

Mar 27 vs. Providence 5 & 7 PM

Mar 29 vs. Lakeview 5 & 7 PM

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